



FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

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A LITTLE ABOUT THE FINANCE COUNCIL

- 21 member Council of Finance Officers
 - 5 small districts (up to 6,000 students)
 - 6 medium districts (6,001 to 30,000 students)
 - 7 large districts (> than 30,000 students)
 - 3 Ex-Officio Members
 - Linda Champion and Joy Frank
- Meet at least 4 times per year
- Sponsored by DOE

FINANCE OFFICER TRAINING

- Update: Training Modules Completed – Testing Phase
- Training to help school staff understand the policies, procedures and data necessary for making decisions about school finances in Florida.
 - On-line training modules
 - Face-to-face in-service training
 - Professional mentoring

ON-LINE TRAINING

- Budgeting
- FEFP
- Workforce Education
- TRIM
- School Choice
- Fixed Capital Outlay – Planning and Budgeting
- Collective Bargaining
- Financial Reporting and Accountability

<http://fldoe.org/about-us/division-of-finance-operations/finance-officer-training.shtml>

FINANCE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- **Required Local Effort**
 - Two years of reductions in RLE
 - Long term impact of Legislative decisions
 - Legislature's understanding of the complexities of the RLE and the FEFP
- **Best and Brightest**
 - Amount of money taken out of the FEFP to fund
 - Impact on collective bargaining relationships and responsibilities

FINANCE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- **Best and Brightest (continued)**
 - Impact on teacher morale, recruitment and retention
 - Pending teacher shortage is a major issue
- **Sharing of 1.5 mill Capital Outlay Millage with Charter Schools**
 - Long term impact on school district 5 year capital plans
 - Impacts from one district to the next
 - TRIM requirements relative to implementation as outlined in HB 7069
 - Single largest issue with HB 7069

FINANCE COUNCIL PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN

- **White Paper**
 - Develop and publish position paper on these three concerns
 - Present to State Board of Education, Legislators, etc.
 - Paper will be sent to every school district
 - Must have one voice state wide
 - Finance Council to use a “team approach” to address with legislators



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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